County of Orange
Emergency Medical Services
Orange County Medical Emergency Data System (OC-MEDS)
UCI Health – Bi-Directional Data Exchange
Using the Barcode Scanner in Elite Field to Link Patient Records
Training for EMS Field Personnel
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Introduction:

The OC-MEDS system has been integrated with newly implemented medical records system at **UCI Medical Center**. The new integration also includes **UCI Health – Irvine and UCI Health - Placentia Linda**. This connection allows your PCR to be ingested into the hospital's system and enables outcome data pertaining to your incident to be transmitted back to your agency. To link the patient records, additional information (called an Encounter Number, or Contact Serial Number) needs to be added to your PCR to help establish a matching record in the hospital's system. This information can often be gathered by scanning a barcode on the patient's facesheet or on a wristband once your patient has been registered in the emergency department. Alternatively, the information can be keyed in manually.

Procedure:

The whole process can be viewed in a training video at: https://youtu.be/rsZbbUc83II

Locate the "Contact Serial #" (CSN#) and barcode on your patient's wristband. **The CSN is an eleven (11) digit number and does not include any alpha characters.**

Or locate the CSN and barcode on the facesheet

The CSN# can be added to your PCR manually or by scanning one of the barcodes from the wristband or facesheet shown above.

To use the barcode scanner to add the CSN

1. Select "UCI Medical Center", "UCI Health – Irvine", or "UCI Health – Placentia Linda" in the "Destination/Transferred To, Name" field.
2. Tap on the "Scan Destination Facility Barcode" button.
3. Tap "Allow" to access your device's camera.
4. Position your camera over the designated barcode, the system will add the CSN # to your PCR.